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SUBJ: CIVAIR: NEW SWISS AIR FARES

1. DR JAISLI, SWISS FEDERAL AIR OFFICE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT FAO HAS APPROVED NEW SWISSAIR FARE PACKAGE WHICH PROVIDES FOR 2 TO 14 PERCENT REDUCTIONS ON FARES, ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SWISS FRANC APPRECIATION OVER PAST FOUR YEARS. NEW FARES WILL GO INTO EFFECT JULY1.

2. FARES WILL BE REDUCED 14 PERCENT FOR UK, FRANCE, ITALY AND FAR EAST; 10 PERCENT FOR AFRICA; 5 PERCENT FOR SOUTH AMERICA AND MIDDLE EAST; 6 PERCENT TO WEST GERMANY AND AUSTRIA; AND 2 PERCENT TO BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS. THERE WILL BE PRACTICALLY NO CHANGE FOR FARES TO NORTH AMERICA, UNCLASSIFIED

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NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

3. IN PARALLEL MOVE, FOREIGN AIRLINES OPERATING
IN SWITZERLAND AGREED EFFECTIVE AUG 1, 1977 TO ACCEPT ONLY TICKETS
SHOWING PAYMENT WAS MADE IN SWISS FRANCS AT
APPROVED FARE FOR FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN SWITZERLAND.
THIS IS AIMED AT ELIMINATING SALES OF

DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR FLIGHTS FICTITIOUSLY
ORIGINATING IN WEAK CURRENCY COUNTRIES. HOLDERS
OF SUCH DISCOUNTED TICKETS MUST EITHER BUY NEW
TICKETS OR PAY DIFFERENCE IN FARE, UNLESS THEY CAN
ESTABLISH TO SATISFACTION OF AIRLINES THAT THEY
ACTUALLY BEGAN THEIR TRAVEL IN COUNTRY
INDICATED BEFORE MAKING CONNECTING FLIGHT IN
SWITZERLAND. AIRLINES ESTIMATE SOME DOLLARS 200
MILLION WAS LOST IN 1976 THROUGH CURRENCY DIVERSIONS
BY SALE OF DISCOUNTED TICKETS IN WEAK CURRENCY
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